

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-4 and 6 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

In regard to claims 1-4 and 6, the prior art does not disclose a camera with the combination of limitations specified in the claimed invention, specifically the limitations of:

wherein the exposure control section controls the exposure in accordance with the brightness of field measured by the photometry section and an aperture caliber in a photometric timing of the brightness of field, of the aperture member, which is monitored by the sensor, when the photometry section measures the brightness of field in halfway through change over of the aperture member from the first aperture caliber to the second aperture caliber wherein the exposure control section determines in accordance with the brightness of field measured by the photometry section whether there are areas in which luminance on an imaging device cannot be grasped, and wherein if there is no area in which luminance on the imaging device cannot be grasped, the shutter speed associated with an open end aperture caliber is computed, as stated in claim 1 and 4.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gevell Selby whose telephone number is 571-272-7369. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 A.M. - 5:30 PM (every other Friday off).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lin Ye can be reached on 571-272-7372. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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